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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA AS OF 1500 HOURS (EST)

FEBRUARY 11, 1975 -- REPORT NO. 19

QUOTE:

OUR CONSUL GENERAL REPORTS THAT THE ASMARA AIRPORT IS OPERATIONAL. THE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY HAVE ASKED THAT THE POWER PLANT AT OUR KAGNEW COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY SUPPLY ELECTRICITY TO THE CITY. THE CONSUL GENERAL IS CONCERNED THAT IF THIS IS DONE IT MAY BRING RETALIATION AGAINST THE AMERICANS FROM THE INSURGENT ERITREAN FRONT (ELF).

THE SUDANESE PEACE INITIATIVE CONTINUES TO GET NOWHERE. THE SUDANESE DELEGATION IN ADDIS ABABA HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (PMG) AND IN CAIRO AND BEIRUT ELF SPOKESMEN CRITICIZED THE SUDANESE PROPOSAL FOR NOT MAKING THE PRINCIPLE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE A PRECONDITION FOR A CEASE FIRE.

CCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THERE HAVE BEEN THE  
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FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MILITARY SITUATION: A  
PMG CONVOY HAS COME INTO ASMARA FROM THE SOUTH;

CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN PLACED AS HIGH AS 5,000, MANY  
OF THEM CIVILIANS AND MOST OF THE MILITARY ONES ON  
THE PMG SIDE; THE ELF DESTROYED A PMG LIGHT  
ARTILLERY BATTERY WITH ROCKET FIRE ON THE NIGHT OF  
FEBRUARY 10; AND A THIRD PMG F-5A HAS BEEN SHOT DOWN  
BY THE ELF, THE SIXTH GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT TO BE  
DOWNED SINCE THE FIGHTING BEGAN. BOTH THE CONSULATE  
GENERAL AND THE PRESS REPORT LARGE NUMBERS OF CIVILIANS  
LEAVING ASMARA, PRESUMABLY TO RETURN TO THEIR VILLAGES.  
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